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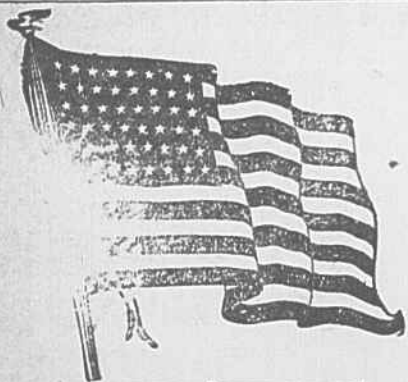
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POOLING THE COAL.

WE have a great deal of respect for the Federal Trade Commission, but it does seem to us that it is moving altogether too fast and too far when it urges the operation of the coal mines of the country for a common pool, to be managed by the government. We may have to come to that, but the country is not prepared for it now, nor is it necessary at this time.

In coming to this conclusion we are by no means overlooking the fact that what the Commission recommends has actually been found essential in England. But the British step was forced by a totally different collapse. The government had to take control of mining in Britain because the miners and the mine owners could not agree upon a working basis. The Commission admits in its report to Congress that the trouble in this country is due to faulty transportation.

That much about the American coal crisis is known to every one who comes in touch with the fuel problem, either as producer, dealer or consumer. However, it was not so generally known until the Commission in its report of yesterday called attention to it, that there are enough coal cars in the country to carry even the present huge coal business if the railroads were not so inefficiently operated that they cannot get the maximum service, or anything near maximum service, out of the cars they have. If they got all the cars they need on the present basis they would not know what to do with them. That would, in short, be just as disastrous as not enough cars.

It seems to us that the natural and the proper thing for the Commission to recommend, and for Congress to provide, are remedies which will make the transportation systems of the country do their duty. Then if the coal industry is unable on its own initiative to increase its production from the present 40 per cent to a figure which will relieve the situation it will be time enough to consider the taking over of the entire mining business of the country by the government.

The commission admits that the basic trouble is the virtual paralysis of the transportation system of the country. Nothing that can be done to the mining industry will cure this fundamental weakness of our economic fabric. Therefore it and not the coal industry is the thing that should be attacked. The remedy proposed is feasible in its entirety under the war powers of Congress. Whether it could be applied during a time of peace no one but a genuine expert upon inter-state commerce and corporation law is competent to decide, and even then there would be doubt until the Supreme court had passed upon it.

We do not think the coal industry should be made to suffer because of the shortcomings of the railroads, and we do not think the Federal Trade Commission should recommend sweeping changes when temporary remedies applied directly to the cause of the trouble are all

that is necessary. This newspaper is not alarmed by the prospect of great changes in our business life as the result of the war. Some change is inevitable, but we should take care not to become stampeded or to undertake to do too much at a time.

AMERICA'S WILD WOMEN.

WHEN the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, if that is the correct name for it, started the so called silent picketing of the White house, ostensibly in the interest of the woman suffrage cause, it did a foolish thing, and a vain one.

When it put up the banners which were torn down yesterday, and which were addressed to the members of the Russian war mission, telling them this is not a democracy because women do not vote here, it did a thing of which it is difficult to speak good naturedly. Even the neurotic "wild women" of Britain had sense enough to realize that no matter what they thought of the justice of their cause they could not go on after war broke out. It remained for the notoriety seeking American suffrage advocates to carry their propaganda to a point where, if it had been done on behalf of a pacifist society, or a band of German sympathizers, for instance, it would have led to a most deplorable outbreak.

However strongly one may feel upon the suffrage question, it is impossible to avoid the conviction after the episode of yesterday that there are some women who are not fit for the ballot, because they cannot understand the responsibilities of citizenship. We shall have to take them in, of course, but it will be many generations before women of the Congressional union type can be trusted.

GOOD WORK.

TAKING them as a class employees' magazines are not very interesting. Some of them are preachy to the point of being nauseating, and others are such out and out "house organs" that we sometimes wonder whether any one except the proof reader reads them.

Knowing that these are the general characteristics of this branch of American periodical publication it was with some reluctance that we picked up M. V. T., the magazine which the Monongahela Valley Traction company has started for the benefit of its little army of employees. Now that we have been through it, in something more than a fleeting way, we are equally reluctant to write about it. Our modesty almost—but not quite—forbids. You see it is distinctly good in every way—and the bright young man who is its editor, and therefore is responsible for steering it out of the ruts that most magazines of this class travel in, came from this newspaper, while the best single feature of the first issue are two or three characteristic jingles by our own Deacon.

In all seriousness, Mr. Allen has made a very readable and intensely human little publication. Both the employees of the company and the public are certain to take a great interest in it and it cannot do otherwise than play an important part in keeping all three sides of the public service corporation triangle, the stockholders, the officers and employees and the public—sweet. The people and the things that are talked about in this first issue are every interesting to all of us in this part of the state. The editor has struck the right pace at the very beginning, and if he is wise he will just continue making each issue better. Assuming that he will take this advice, we make bold to congratulate both him and the officers of the company who were public spirited enough to see that there is a field for just such a paper.

An indication of how hard the members of the soliciting teams in the Y. M. C. A.-Red Cross campaign worked toward the end yesterday is afforded by the simple fact that they overshot the mark by about three thousand dollars, although they were five thousand three hundred under it at noon. The campaign was a strenuous one throughout, but it had a brilliant ending which reflects great credit upon every one who was active in it.

Southern congressmen are gumming up the war plans, according to dispatches from Washington, because General Wood does not understand the log rolling rules of Congress, and put too many camp sites in one state, while all the other states were left out in the cold. It is a pity the southern representatives cannot be locked up in a room and compelled to fight this out with their favorite weapon—which is hot air.

When Senator Kenyon yesterday said that he would as soon have a dictatorship by a national food controller as by food gamblers he put the whole case for food price control in a nutshell. The operations of the food controller would be above board and subject to the restraints imposed by public opinion. The food gamblers work in the dark, and nothing will stop them unless Congress acts.

The Ruth Cruger murder mystery, it is reported, has stirred the New York police to action. The New York police force is a great modern Moloch. It requires a ghastly sacrifice every so often to keep it active.

Canadian troops in General Haig's army took another important position from the Germans yesterday by the bravest kind of hand to hand fighting. The men from the States will find some mighty stiff fighting traditions to live up to when they reach the firing lines.

The week beginning Saturday has been set apart by proclamation as a period for recruiting for the regular army. The lads who want to be well led and carefully taken care of while they serve their country had better take advantage of this opportunity.

The U-boats are exceedingly active again, but this time the outbreak does not cause panic. The habits of these new monsters of the deep are beginning to be understood.

They'll get around to the market at the city hall when they have sold the bonds, and built the bridges, and put down the sewers and—

Some ought to cheer for the suffragettes at Washington whose banners were torn down yesterday.

Considering the amount of shoe leather and cosmetics this stunt has cost them it has attracted little attention.

Not worth the price in other words.

If this pooling of coal production will remove ivory domes from the private police forces I'm for it no matter what the operators say.

Kip Fleming ought to stop showing his repeater to boy reporters.

Since those half dollars disappeared on Jackson street yesterday we can understand why the price is so high in this town.

It takes two or three "clerks" to sell one pint.

Overhead expenses are very high.

But think of the low upkeep if they happen to get caught with the goods and have no standing with Mr. Charlie.

Mr. Charlie, by the way, is something of an institution.

Sort of father confessor, legal aid and freedman's bureau rolled into one.

And all slanted in the wrong direction.

Revenue Collector Sam Hays, who seems to take himself very seriously, told a Times reporter last evening that he does not know what the intentions of Congress are with regard to the war revenue bill.

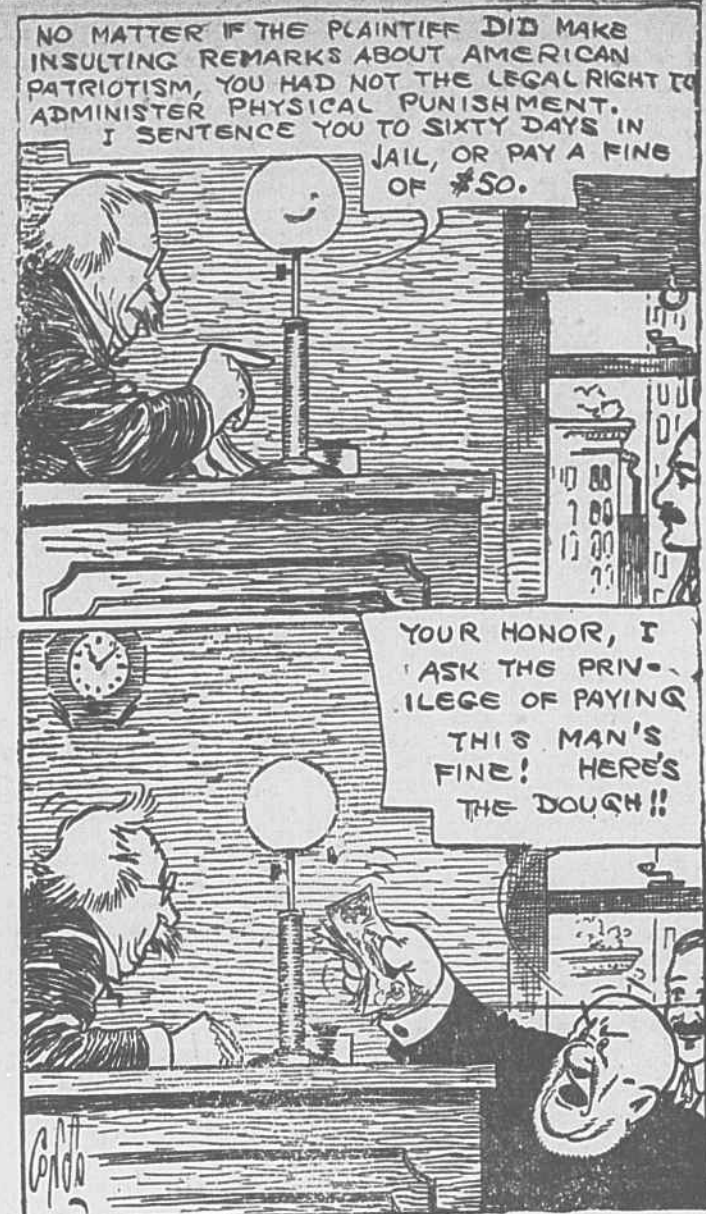
The Almighty may know, but he is not telling.

Making Play of Work.

Making play of work is often a good idea when getting children to help. Thus, when seeking the aid of a youngster to pick up the pins from the floor, let him or her use a "horse shoe magnet" for the purpose. You can get such a magnet for ten cents.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



EAST SIDE NEWS

Guests of J. R. Miller.
Miss Ann Lanham of Morgantown and Louise Shuttlesworth of Little Falls were guests of J. R. Miller and family Wednesday and Thursday en route home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. William Hall at Gypsy.

Mrs. Murphy Entertains Class.
Mrs. Henry Murphy of East Park avenue entertained the Links class of the Diamond street church last evening. A large number of the members were in attendance and Miss Maud Jenkins Harden who was recently married was presented a handsome picture by her classmates and teacher Mrs. Cora Morrow. Mrs. Murphy was a delightful hostess and the evening was highly enjoyed by all present.

Lawn Fete.
This evening beginning at seven o'clock the B. Y. P. U. of the Palatine Baptist church will hold a lawn fete on a vacant lot on Columbia street opposite the Central school building. The proceeds will be used to pay the expenses of a delegate to the National B. Y. P. U. convention at Detroit, Mich. Ice cream, home made candy, cake, lemonade and many other good things will be for sale. Among the amusements will be fortune teller, fish pond, tie sale, and there will also be a guess cake. Everybody invited. A good time for all.

At Johns Hopkins.
A telegram from Johns Hopkins Hospital yesterday stated that J. L. Carpenter who had been taking treatment there for the past month preparatory to an operation had been operated upon and was doing very well. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is getting along so nicely.

Wedding Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilcox celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary last evening at their home on Reeves avenue. About thirty guests were in attendance. Music and games were the amusements of the evening and

tempting refreshments were served by the hostess.

From Ohio.
Mr. Hixenbaugh and family of Ohio have moved to this city and will occupy the Shoemaker property in Maryland avenue. Mr. Hixenbaugh will be associated with his brother in the garage in Morgantown avenue.

Little Falls Lady Ill.
Mrs. William Arnett of Little Falls is ill at the home of her sister Mrs. A. S. Helmick in Diamond street. Mr. Arnett came yesterday.

On Maryland Avenue.
Russell Satterfield and family have moved into Mrs. E. F. Morgan's property in Maryland avenue.

MONONGAH

Left for Colorado.
Miss Maud Mason left yesterday afternoon for Colorado where she will spend the summer. Before returning she will visit several weeks in Boulder. The trip is being made in the interests of her health.

Minstrels Here.
The Fisher & Fleming's American Minstrels arrived in Monongah this morning where they show this evening. The show will be given in a large tent at the east end of the Brookside bridge.

Cleaning Swimming Hole.
B. Bailey, the superintendent of the Monongah play grounds, together with several boys, yesterday spent the afternoon cleaning out the old swimming hole at the mill dam.

Personals.
Mrs. Clyde Leonard and Mrs. William Findley were among the Monongah shoppers in Fairmont yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. R. Lawson and son, of Grafton, have been in town for several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rome Lawson, of Brookdale.

Mrs. Thomas Watkins was in Fairmont yesterday afternoon attending to shopping.

Miss Mildred Gregory was among the local callers in Fairmont this morning.

Mrs. Frances Esketh was in Fairmont.

It helps one to keep in good condition to have a daily ration of

Grape-Nuts

FOOD

The entire nutriment of wheat and barley, and the mineral salts of the grain, all combine to make a delicious food, easy to digest, and a wonderful upbuilder of body, brain and nerves.

"There's a Reason"

Evening Chat

There are men who manage mighty things.
There are princes, potentates and kings.
There are wives who wield authority, And they are in majority.
There are forces that control the mind
Of nearly all of human kind,
And powers of speech and powers of will.
Directors of our acts, but still
The big boss of the universe,
And I can think of no boss worse,
Whose dictates we perform obey.
At dawn of each approaching day—
Sans sympathy, with soul of rock—
The sixty-cent alarm clock!
—THE DEACON.

Special for Friday and Saturday, June 22-23

So many of our CUSTOMERS have asked us the question, why don't you have the same special that you had May 4th and May 5th, for I (the customer) did not take the opportunity of your savings? Hence this special. In this time of high living it is to your advantage, as well as to your POCKETBOOK, to make your monthly CHECK do its work well. Why not let us do your shopping for YOU, and save you the DIFFERENCE between CREDIT and CASH prices?

FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY (only)

We will sell you a TEN DOLLAR COUPON BOOK FOR TEN DOLLARS and you will have the privilege of BUYING—

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1 Bag Sugar Loaf Flour \$1.95

Total to be deducted from your \$10 book \$4.15

(We will not have this special again until FALL.)

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NEW SHOES WON'T HURT AFTER THIS

Cincinnati Man Tells How To Shrink Up Corns so They Lift Out

Ouch! ? ? ? ! ? ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right out without pain.

He says freezone is a sticky substance which dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quarter of an ounce, which will cost very little at any drug store, is said to be sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.

Correct

Wedding rings are of a certain width and 18kt gold fine, and to finish them completely they must be properly engraved. Such rings and service can be had at



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Be progressive. Open a checking account with this strong bank today.

THE PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK

On the Corner Near the Postoffice.

CAPITAL \$200,000.00

RUFF STUFF

BY RED

Marking the money is too uncertain. Why not try putting bells on it.

Kink Tino is going to visit brother-in-law Bill.

And he is likely to see things that will make him wish he had flopped the other way.

Today's the day for the special auto problem C of C meeting.

Want to bet a cookie it'll come off?

Tony rate the attendance will not be large, for too many would have a sense of guilt if there was a free and frank talk about the offenses.

Boy, please pass the w k curbstone market.

That dull thud you heard the other day was not the fall of old Highcoast.